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U.K. Indians have equal opportunity

New Delhi, Oct. 5 (Samachar):- Mrs. Margret Thatcher, leader of the Conservative Party in the United Kingdom, said that all citizens in Great Britain had always been equal before the law and 'have and must have equal opportunity'.

Addressing a press conference here, she said that it must be made absolutely clear that those who are in Britain now are British citizens, are equal before the law and have equal opportunity'.

She referred to the two recent racial incidents, but said till these occurred, the country had gone through a very long period without any such problems.

At the same time, Mrs. Thatcher drew the attention of questioners to the fact that Britain was more densely populated than India, Pakistan or any other areas. And there was a high rate of unemployment - six per cent now and people thought that more would come into Britain and this was contributory factor for the trouble.

Chavan hopes fair deal for Indians in U.K.

New Delhi, Oct. 1 (Samachar): The India's External Affairs Minister Y. B. Chavan has expressed the hope that the large number of Indians who have made Britain their home and have made an undoubted contribution to British life would be enabled to integrate themselves and lives in peace and harmony.

Speaking at a dinner hosted by him in honour of the visiting leader of the Opposition Conservative Party, Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, Mr. Chavan said that a number of her countrymen still lived and worked in India making their contribution to India's development and progress.

"They pursue their vocations undisturbed and carry back memories of Indian warmth and tolerance," he added.

Mrs. Thatcher, who arrived here on a visit at the invitation of the government of India.

In her reply at the dinner, Mrs. Thatcher said that in the same ways as India had a number of British people working in the country, they in Britain had an Indian community which, by engaging in many occupations and processions, made a "real contribution to the life of the nation."

"Like you, we look to a harmonious future which can only be achieved by recognizing that we are all equal before the law, and equally entitled to live our own lives in freedom and dignity.

Describing the relations between India and Britain as "close Mr. Chavan said that as the world grew more interdependent, they looked forward to a cooperative future.

It also sought for its people the encouragement they deserved for skill, hard work and discipline Mr. Chavan said: "Economic and social justice is the real foundation of liberty for the masses. To this task we have dedicated ourselves and nothing can deflect us from the goal." Appreciating the "considerable success" achieved by India in tackling seemingly universal problems in the past 18 months, Mr. Thatcher said "like us, you are striving in the hazardous conditions of offshore waters to reduce your dependence on others for your oil supplies. You are broadening and strengthening the whole economic base.

Power to Indian Express cut

New Delhi (Reuter) The Indian Express newspaper, which is at the centre of a legal tussle over press censorship in India, failed to appear for two days because its power supply was cut off.

Indian Express sources said officials at the sub-station responsible for supplying electricity to the Express building told the paper the supply could not be resumed without orders from higher quarters. Newspapers printed in adjoining buildings had no cuts.

NDC FINALISES FIFTH PLAN

New Delhi, Oct. 5 (Samachar):- The National Development Council (NDC) the highest body for taking economic decisions, finalised the Fifth Five Year Plan (1974-79) which comes at the fag end of its five year term.

The approval by the NDC had been described by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi as a 'morale booster'. She said that the nation was now in a position to resume the process of growth on a confident note. 'Planning has a better chance now to succeed', she said, 'than at any time in the last 25 years.'

Fernandes vows to fight

New Delhi -- George Fernandes, one of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's principal opponents, stood chained and handcuffed in a criminal court here yesterday and vowed to keep up the fight against her Government.

'Even without us, our movement will not cease until Mrs. Gandhi is out,' said Mr. Fernandes, a labor union leader, as he and 21 others were charged with conspiring to terrorize the country and to overthrow the Government.

Then he and the other defendants suddenly raised their hands in the air, and jangled the heavy chains by which each of them was attached to a policeman, as Mr. Fernandes read from a prepared statement:

The chains we bear before you today are symbols of the entire nation which has been chained and fettered by dictatorship, a symbol of the infamy that has been perpetrated on our country.'

Mr. Fernandes, the chairman of the Socialist Party of India, and former president of the All-India Railwaymen's Federation, was arrested last June 10. He had spent nearly a year as a fugitive, covertly organizing resistance to the stern new political order that Mrs. Gandhi imposed on India in June, 1975.

This was one of the few times since the suspension of civil liberties 15 months ago that prominent opponents of the Government had been charged with specific and detailed crimes. Most of the thousands of political prisoners in India are being held without formal charges.

The defendants all seemed healthy and in reasonably good spirits as they were led into the small, dimly lit magistrate's court.

New Delhi, Oct. 5 (Samachar):- George Fernandes, Chairman of the Socialist Party, and 24 others accused in what is called the Baroda Dynamite case have been charged with hatching criminal conspiracy to 'overawe' the Government of India 'by means of criminal force and/or show of criminal force.'

The charge sheet was filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the court of the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Mohammad Shamin.

All the accused have been charged with hatching a 'deep rooted' conspiracy having widespread ramifications to overawe by means of criminal force and/or show of criminal force, the Central Government.

They also have been arraigned with conspiracy to commit various other offences.

The charge sheet said investigation had shown that on the declaration of emergency on June 26, 1975, George Fernandes went underground and decided to arouse resistance against the imposition of the Emergency and to 'overawe' the Government by use and show of criminal force.

The other accused included, Mr. C.G.K. Reddy, a management consultant of the Hindu, a leading national news daily published from Madras, and a former Socialist Party member of the Rajya Sabha, Mr. Kamlesh Shukla, a former Joint Secretary of the All India Samyukta Socialist Party, and editor of Prati Pakshs, a Hindi weekly of Mr. Fernandes. Viren Shah, a Congress Opposition member of the Rajya Sabha from Gujarat, Vikram Rao, a staff correspondent of the Indian Express and Kurr Bhatt, a Baroda-based staff correspondent of The Times of India.

Mr. Fernandes according to the charge sheet of the CBI, acquired dynamites and explosives for destructive purposes.

The charge sheet said the conspirators caused explosions at Bombay, Central Railway Station Express highway overbridge near the King's Circle Railway Station and the office of the Blitz weekly magazine published from Bombay. An attempt was reported to have been made to cause an explosion at Nasik sub-jail also.

Besides the four explosions caused in Bombay, series of explosions were caused between Oct. 23 and Dec. 30, 1975 at railway bridges and on railway tracks at various places in Karnataka and Bihar.

Twenty thousand register to return

New Delhi, Oct 4 (Samachar): Three hundred scientific and technical personnel were registered in the Indians abroad section of the national register during the period January to June 1976.

Another 15 persons qualified in social sciences and business administrations also entered themselves. The number enrolled during the same period in 1975 was 298. As on June 30, 1976, the total registration in the Indians abroad section was 20,753.

Amongst the scientists, chemists are 40 per cent, physicists 20 percent and mathematicians and agricultural scientists 10 percent each. Electrical engineers constitute about a quarter of total engineers, registered during the six months, mechanical engineers, 16 percent, chemical 11 percent, and metallurgical, electronics and civil engineers eight percent each. About 37 percent of the registrants are from USA 31 percent from UK and nine per cent each from Canada and Germany.

Bhutto claim stirs controversy

London, Sept. 29 (Samachar): By staking a claim on the famed Kohinoor, the Pakistan Prime Minister, Z. A. Bhutto may at best have stirred a controversy over the origin of the jewel, but he is unlikely to succeed in making the British Government part with the glittering diamond now on display in the Tower of London along with other crown jewels.

The British Prime Minister, James Callaghan is expected to consult Queen Elizabeth on the matter but informed observers believe the British Government cannot ignore the fact that India has a better claim on Kohinoor.

This point was made clear by Natwar Singh, India's Deputy High Commissioner, who told Samachar that the successor Government on August 15, 1947 was the present Government of India, and Pakistan was only a secessionist State.

He said any claim to legacies of properties, jewels or records must be made to the Government of India or through the Government of India; Pakistan's claim was untenable.

Mr. Singh had made a similar statement to British newspapers, but for inexplicable reasons they omitted his reference to India as the successor Government and Pakistan as the secessionist State.

Pakistan Ambassador Mumtaz Daultana was asked by a British reporter what would be Pakistan's reaction if the British Government refused to part with the Kohinoor. Mr. Daultana said it was not as if some territory was being claimed. It would be a gesture very much in keeping with British spirit.

Mr. Bhutto's claim has already started a debate here on the origin of Kohinoor.

Mr. Francis Watson, author of the concise history of India, last night endorsed India's assertion that the Kohinoor was originally found in Golkonda in Andhra Pradesh.

The Times columnist, George Hutchinson's statement that the Kohinoor "really belongs to Pakistan" was challenged by Stephen Garvin in the Times' letters to editor column. He said the Kohinoor was extracted by Ranjit Singh, the Sikh ruler of Punjab, from Shah Suja, the deposed monarch of Afghanistan, in return for assistance in an attempt to regain his throne. Out of its many centuries of known history, the stone was located in Lahore, Pakistan, for little over a decade. It came into the hands of Afghan rulers after the sack of Delhi by Nadir Shah in 1789. Before that, it belonged to the Moghul emperors who took it from their Hindu predecessors.

When first known to history in the early 14th century, it belonged to the Raja of Malwa.

Mr. Garvin added, "by that process of reasoning ought the Kohinoor now to be returned to the Government of Pakistan? Why not to the Sikhs, or to Afghanistan, or the Government of India?"

"To affect to return at this time of day what every possessor for centuries has held by right of conquet would be regarded by any of the possible recepients not as a grand gesture of magnanimity — we have come down too far in the world to carry that off — but as gratuitous and lacking in proper self-esteem."

Writing in the Guardian, Michael McNay commented, "whoever owned the Kohinoor, it was said, would rule the world. may be that is why Bhutto wants it back."

But he reminded Mr. Bhutto of the legend about Kohinoor "it brings bad luck to men."

Package tour of S.India

New Delhi, (Samachar): A seven day package tour of South India is being introduced from October 1976 to project the tourist attractions of the regions.

The package tour has been drawn up by the Department of Tourism in consultation with hoteliers, transport operators Indian Airlines, Air India and some travel agents. It will cover Madras, Mahaballipuram, Bangalore, Mysore, Trivandrum and Kovalam (in Kerala) representing a mixture of beach and cultural tourism. It will be marketed as the "Kartikeya tour of South India." (Kartikya is a six manifestation of Lord Murga, who rides on Peapock.

A number of tourist facilities of international standards have come up in South India but because of its being off the main international air routes, tourist traffic to South India has not grown in proprtion to these facilities. On the other hand tourist facilities in the northern region are gradually getting saturated.

The package tour is designed to achieve a diversification of tourist traffic as also to promote better utilization of the available tourist facilities.

The proposed tour fare ranges from US$189 to US$346 per head depending upon the number of tourists taking the tour and the type of accommodation and transport used. The fare is inclusive of board and lodging, air fare on the Madras- Bangalore, Trivandrum Madras sector, airport transfers, surface transportation, escort and guide, services and travel agents' commission. The package tour will be marketed only in foreign exchange.

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Kohinoor is India's

New Delhi, Sept. 29 (Samachar):- The world famous Kohinoor diamond, at present part of the British crown jewels, is completely of Indian origin and only India can be its legitimate claimant, according to experts interviewed by Samachar.

Reacting to the reported request by the Pakistan Prime Minister, Mr. Bhutto, to the Queen of England to hand over the diamond to Pakistan the experts said that the mere fact of the diamond being acquired by the British from the Lahore 'Toshakhana' or the treasury of the descendants of Maharaja Ranjit Singh of Punjab in 1849 did not make it a Pakistani property, they said.

India exports drugs

New Delhi, Oct. 1 (Samachar):- India has emerged as a major supplier of drugs and pharmaceuticals to several developing countries in Asia and West Asia.

Indian drugs and formulations are finding an expanding market in Sri Lanka, Saudi Arabia, South Yemen and Libya, according to drug industry sources. Prospects for sale of drugs to Iraq, Sudan and East European countries are also rated high.

Indian drugs and formulations are now being exported to about 25 countries including the Soviet Union.

Indian drug firms are now studying the terms and conditions to offer their quotations to the Libyan tender invitation. About 20 firms have evidenced keen interest in exporting drugs and formulations to Libya. Vital Indian drugs worth at least Rs 50 million ($5.5 million) are expected to be exported to Libya this year.

The other countries which have shown interest in buying Indian drugs are Iraq, Sudan and Afghanistan. Meanwhile, the State Trading Corporation (STC) is exploring market for drugs sales in East Europe.

However, the Indian drug exports to developed countries still continued to be mainly bulk drugs and medicinal preparations and medicinal castor oil.

Tourism picks up

Pune, Maharashtra, Sept. 29 (Samachar): Foreign tourist traffic to India has been picking up "remarkable" despite its decline the world over in recent times owing to widespread inflation and rising prices, Union Minister for Tourism and Civil Aviation, Raj Bahadur said.

The Minister told newsmen here that India registered a 10 percent increase in the traffic last year when it had gone down by 15 percent all over the world.

Raj Bahadur said the achievement was "striking" this year as the tourist traffic recorded a 14 percent rise till July as compared to only three per cent in 1974.

Mr. Bahadur said the most welcome development was the rush of people from oil-rich Arab countries to India.

He said most of the Arab tourists preferred to stay in Bombay with their families and seldom thought of going to other parts of the country.

More overseas branches of bank planned

Bombay, Oct. 4 (Smachar): State Bank of India will open very soon four "overseas branches at the metropolitan centres of Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta and Madras, to exclusively attend to foreign exchange accounts in India, opened by overseas customers.

T. R. Varadachary, chairman of the bank told Samachar that since Reserve Bank permitted last year the maintenance of foreign exchange accounts in India by Indian residents abroad and other remitters of funds to India, this scheme had become an important source of exchange for India.

A bank team which visited West Asia and other areas to contact Indian nationals and others who would normally remit money to India and also those who would keep their funds in India in separate foreign exchange accounts, withdrawable with interest any time and payable in the currency in which the accoum is maintained, found there was a considerable scope for attracting exchange accounts to India if necessary facilities were given to non-residents.

The proposed overseas branches will streamline this work and also arrange to canvas more business abroad through or embassies and also by sending out appeals by airmail to prospective customers.

Simultaneously, the bank is planning a major expansion of its overseas business by opening a number of offices in West Asia and South East Asian countries as also elsewhere.

Since these branches will have to conform to local regulation and conduct business in local currencies, they will not be able to handle the foreign exchange accounts to be maintained in India by non-residents. It is in this context that this work is entrusted to the four "overseas branches" in India.

Concessions for more export items

New Delhi, Oct. 1 (Samachar): The list of items enjoying import duty concessions against firm export commitments is being expanded in course of time.

Announcing this here, the Commerce Minister, Professor D. P. Chattopadhyaya, also retiera- reiterated his support to the creation of a separate export-import bank to take care of export finance.

The present list of duty concessions under the scheme covers 55 items. Under the schemie, the government waives import duties in repsect of these items against advance import licences and in full filment of firm export commitments.

Reviewing India's export scene, Prof. Chattopadhyaya felt country's ability to enlarge its share in the global exports which, despite the impressive rise in the country's exports in recent years, had dropped to 0.54 percent, last year from 1.20 percent, a decade ago.

However, the Minister said the export continued to maintain its buyoancy in the first quarter of the current year. The increase during this period has been 33 percent.

Prof. Chattopadhyaya said the emergence of non-traditional goods in India's export list has changed the export commodity profile.

Now the emphasis has to be shifted to project and turnkey jobs, consultancy services and sub-contracting where value added element was much higher. With the vast reservoir of technical manpower substantial amount of experience and experise in setting up and commissioning industrial projects in a variety of fields. He was confident of the country's ability to increase export of these services.

T.N. exempted from Hindi use

New Delhi, Oct. 1 (Samachar): Communications from the Centre (Government of India) to Hindi-speaking states "shall, save in exceptional cases, be in Hindi, "according to rule framed by the Government of India.

The rule says that if any such communication is issued in English, "it shall be accompanied by a Hindi translation thereof."

This applies to communication to any office in Hindi- speaking state's (not being a Central Government office) or a person in such a state or union territory (centrally administered territory).

The notification says, that the rules "extend to the whole of India, except the state of Tamil Nadu."

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Ramanna defends nuclear plants

Manila, Sept. 29 (Samachar): A nuclear power plant cannot blow up like a nuclear bomb, a senior Indian scientist said in defence of such installation to replace power from oil and coal.

Dr. Raja Ramanna, 47, director of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, said in a paper presented to a Philippine government-sponsored conference on the "survival of Human-kind," Associated Press America reported.

"There is some tendency among the public to equate a nuclear power station under accident conditions with a nuclear bomb," he said. Nuclear power desing is "entirely different," he added.

"Melting of the nuclear fuel is perhaps the worst possible situation. Even if the reactor core melts down, the chances of any fatalities are very low," he said.

"If other industries develop as high a safety consciousness as the nuclear industry, the fatalities due to accidents could be significantly reduced," Dr. Ramanna said.

He said methods exist for "practical and safe management of all types of radioactive wastes."

However, he conceded, other wastes "pose the major hazards for further tens of thousands of years."

He said India was trying to reduce discharge of radioactivity into the environment by constructing a large solar evaporation plant to concentrate low level liquid radioactive wastes.

Dr. Ramanna said it would be necessary to construct remotely controlled plants to reduce radioactive contamination and it was possible to bury solid wastes deep enough to prevent harm.

"Electricity generated from nuclear power stations has become more competitive over the last three years because of the rapid increase in the price of oil," he said.

Leather earns exchange

New Delhi, Oct 4 (Samachar) Leather and leather goods are fast emerging as a major export earner for the country, having already registered 100 percent increase in exports during the first quarter of the current financial year 1976-77.

According to figures, exports of leather and leather goods during the period have exceeded Rs 750 million ($83.3 million) compared of Rs 390 million ($43.3 million) in the corresponding period of last year and promise to reach the Rs 4000 million ($333.3 million) mark by the end of the year.

The boom in trade is attributed to the buoyancy in the international markets coupled with the vigorous export promotion launched by the Government of India. During 1974-75, earnings from the export of these items were of the order of Rs. 1,720 million ($191.1 million) and Rs. 2,060 million ($226.6 million) respectively. In 1965-66 these barely earned Rs 440 million ($48.8 million).

The uptrend in exports was more pronounced in the quarter under review in the case of finished leather. These earned over Rs 240 million ($26.4 million) against a little over Rs 50 million ($5.5 million) in the corresponding period of last year.

Semi-processed leather earned over Rs 420 million ($46.6 million) during the quarter against over Rs 270 million ($30 million) in the corresponding period.

World Bank aid is sizeable

New Delhi, Oct. 4 (Samachar) received $894 million (Rs. 8,046 million) from the world Bank and its affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA) for economic development during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1976, according to the annual report of the World Bank released here. The year's lending is $54 million more than the $840.1 million committed during fiscal year 1975.

The report refers to the favourable impact on the Indian economy of the last bumper harvest of 116 million tonnes and says increased supplies of both agricultural commodities and industrial raw materials together with controls on demand, enabled the Government of India to check inflation.

"While India seems to have weathered the short term problems," the report says, "it continues to face major long-term challenges. Population remains high, and the task of implementing a program to raise the productivity of millions living in poverty continues to be difficult. In response to these challenges the Government of India has substantially increased its development expenditure (90 percent of its total capital formation, or about $12,000 million is financed (through its internal resources).

Ayub blamed for 1965 war

New Delhi, Oct. 4 (Samachar): The Defence of Pakistan Day this year was marked by rethinking on the causes of the 1965 war which some Pakistani newspapers have acknowledged, was started by Pakistan itself and finally resulted in the breakup of the country in December 1971.

Amidst continuing public debate as to who were responsible for the breakup of Pakistani in 1971, the Urdu weekly Akhbar-i-Jahan," has squarely blamed President Ayub Khan for starting the 1965 war. The paper writes "it is a historical mistake to say that the war was started on September 6 — the day now observed as Defence of pakistan Day. The war had already started at the end of August - not from Lahore but from couch for the fact that this war was planned by self-styled Field Marshal Ayub Khan.

"Acknowledgeable people say that President Ayub Khan had hoped to take Kashmir overnight and that, he thought, would easily persuade the people to accept him as life president for life."

"Pakistan was not able to fight beyond 10 days. Within 11 days of the 17-day war President Ayub Khan sent an SOS to the world leaders requesting them to arrange a cease-fire.

The "Urdu Digest" a Lahore monthly, has blamed an un-named group for inciting the 1965 war. The group now occupies easy chairs in Pakistan, the monthly writes.

The 1965 war was destructive. The debacle of the 1971 war was a logical conclusion of the 1965 war, it added.

Jnanpith award for Tamil author

NEW DELHI, Oct. 5 (Samachar): P.V. Akilandan, popularly known as Akilan in Tamil literature was selected to receive the eleventh annual Jnanpith literary award for 1975. The award winning novel is Chittirappavai.

Akilan will receive Rs 100,000 ($11,111) as the award money, a replica statue of Vagdevi and a citation. The award has been sponsored by Akhil Bharatiya Jnanpith.

Akilan is the pen-name of the award-winning author. Born on February 7,1923 in Perungalur a township in Tiruchirapalli district. Akilan was drawn into the freedom movement as a schoolboy. For some years he organized the youth for the 'Quit India Movement' before being arrested.

Though not receiving much formal education Akilan went through long period of suffering as his education in life. He was a sorter in the railway mail service for 12 years -- 1945 to 1957. Simultaneously he has been a creative writer since 1943 or may be even earlier.

At present he is producer for the spoken word Tamil at All India Radio, Madras.

India to set up plants in Burma

New Delhi Sept.29 (Samachar): India will set up 16 pilot plants in Burma for the manufacture of hardboard, mineral products and various chemicals and allied products and electro chemical metallurgy.

This will be done in accordance with the memorandum of understanding signed between the two countries in June this year.

Exchange reserves boost economy

New Delhi, Oct. 1 (Samachar): The Government of India is expected to announce shortly measures aimed at utilising foreign exchange reserves accumulation for promoting investments in the economy and securing greater production, both for domestic and export markets.

An inter- ministerial group headed by M. G. Kaul, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, has examined the ways in which the best use could be made of the substantial build up in foreign exchange reserves for boosting the economy over the short and medium term.

The proposals under examination of the Government, include facilitiating imports of certain types of capital goods which would help in accelerating industrial growth and also in the process of modernisation of some of the country's traditional export industries like textiles and jute.

A further liberalization in import policy is also intended to facilitate the import of certain mass consumption goods, the sale of which would generate rupeer resources for investment.

The sectors in which the foreign exchange reserves would be used to advantage include shipping, power, steel, aluminium, and certain other non-ferrous metals.

Powell urges U.K. to repatriate Asians

Croydon, England -- Enoch Powell argued last night that escalating racial violence in Britain can be avoided only by the repatriation of about half of the country's estimated 2 million black and Asian residents.

The number of blacks and Asians in Britain is so large that the outlawing of immigration, which increasing numbers of alarmed citizens are advocating, would have almost no effect on the rapid growth rate of the immigrant community, Mr. Powell told 200 enthusiastic members of the right-wing Monday Club in this South London suburb.

He advocated a reversal of Government Policy, removing social assistance to immigrants and their families in favor of generous assistance, $1,600 a head, to those willing to return to their native countries.

"In relation to the gravity of the alternative, any imaginable expenditure of resources would be a cheap option. One million at one thousand pounds a head over five years represents no more than 200 million pounds a year. You could double that figure without producing more than a ripple on the surface of recent budgets," the right-wing member of Parliament said.
(Globe and Mail).

Inflation still poses a threat

Trivandrum, Oct. 1 (Samachar):- The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, has warned the people that 'subdued inflation' was just waiting round the corner to stage a comeback.

"We still have to use financial stringency hold our purses tight and see how to curtail Government expenditure, "Mrs Gandhi said while opening the Trivandrum-Quilon broad gauge railway line.

She said "great developments and significant achievements" had taken place during the last one year after the Emergency.

This should not make up complacent, she said. The financial discipline had to be balanced with developmental programmes priority being given

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ARE WE RESPONSIBLE

As we pointed out in our last editorial some segments of Canadian news media have been attempting to discredit the immigration of Asians and Blacks. If this attitude of some of the publishers, editors and reporters spreads, which is not unlikely, it will have a very adverse effect on the Asians and the Blacks who live and intend to live in this country.

The situation is likely to become worse if the unemployment rate continues to remain high, if many more of the racist-minded British immigrants arrive here, if more of white immigrants from S.Rhodesia or S.Africa come to settle here or if Enoch Powells of Canada (like Western Guards in Toronto) can get away with the racial slur they throw at us.

We would have hoped that the newly-formed national Organisation for people with origins in India had come forward with an action plan. Unfortunately, it appears that the national organisation is stillborn and shows lack of visible signs of any leadership.

Perhaps each individual or community may have to chalk out its own actionplan to build a better image for us. It should not be based on simply reacting to what someone else said or did. On the other hand one should act in a positive manner.

Since the media plays such a strategically important role, a lot of effort should be directed towards the media. For instance, it would indeed be a great help if respected Canadian writers and T.V./radio program producers are persuaded to write articles/produce programs that portray us in a more favourable light. Even if such efforts require some financial backing - such as providing research assistance to them - most certainly it will be a sound investment for our future in this country.

We are not merely coloured immigrants from Asia. We are doctors and nurses who save the lives of Canadians; we are professors and teachers who bring knowledge to Canadian children; we are businessmen who create jobs for all Canadians; we are scientists who invent for Canada; we are civil servants who administer programs; we are engineers who build highways, bridges and buildings for all Canadians.

We produce, buy consumer goods and services, pay taxes, obey the laws much more than anyone else. **We are good Canadians who contribute immensely to the welfare and wellbeing of our adopted country.**

Didn't we bring meditation and yoga that help to reduce the incidence of psychiatric disorders and improve the health of all Canadians? Didn't we bring our music and dances to entertain Canadians - white, brown or black?

Didn't we save millions of dollars of Canadian tax money by bringing our expensive education and talents with us?

We are proud human beings with rich cultural heritage. Our contributions to humanity are many. Ancient India's contributions in the fields of Mathematics, music, medicine, textiles, art, architecture etc are of great significance.

Where did we go wrong? Are we responsible for our colour? We had no choice in the matter? Do the whites have a choice? If they do, wouldn't they choose coppertone?

New U.S.Envoy

New Delhi, September 30 (Samachar): Kewal Singh, former Foreign Secretary, has been appointed India's Ambassador to the United States.

Mr. Singh who is expected to take up his post shortly, will succeed T. N. Kaul.

A member of the Indian Civil Service he joined the Foreign Service soon after India's Independence. He was India's Ambassador to the Soviet Union and West Germany, and High Commissioner to Pakistan.

Letters

Efforts to spread racism

When a respectable publication like Weekend permits a third-rate journalist like Doug Collins to infect its pages with as unhealthy article like **Fear And Loathing In the Canadian Mosaic**, I feel ashamed (as a professional writer) to share the same profession. I feel equally ashamed to share with Collins that skin-coloring he regards as so superior, but I do not need to be ashamed of being a Canadian born in Canada of Canadian parents, since according to my information Collins is an immigrant.

The first time I saw Collins in the flesh (mottled red, not "white" as he believes) was when Vancouver Labour Council delegates threw him out of their assembly for his anti-labour biases. Now he apparently feels he can exploit his racist biases with impunity. I think he errs because decent society as a whole will throw him out, just like those recent trade unionists.

Undesirable types like Collins are unimportant compared with the irresponsibility of Weekend's editors in publicizing a racist diatribe. You do not serve democratic purpose by allowing "all" points of view when a specific point of view violates the democratic rights of others to their good name, self-respect and personal security. Collins' commentary in fact violates federal civil rights legislation and it is possible that some alert official may yet take legal action against Collins and Weekend.

As for the content of the article, truth is not important to writers of Collins' calibre. Broadly speaking, the closest he comes to truth is half-truths, which are more misleading than direct lies. To cite one example: relative to "the green paper discussion last year" Collins comes up with 83 percent opposition to immigration policies and only 6 percent in favour — but these percentages relate to a small handful of individuals, at most a few hundreds. He apparently did not feel he could get this one by Weekend editors without adding "Response from organizations, of course, was quite different", although he studiously avoided mentioning that organizational submissions represented hundreds of thousands (perhaps millions) of Canadians. To make sure we did not make that mental comparison of hundreds against hundreds of thousands, Collins adds another half-truth, that these organizations "frequently had group axes to grind."

In terms of direct lies or blinding ignorance — take your pick, perhaps it's both — Collins places Montreal in the same category as Toronto and Vancouver, where some vicious racist tendencies have developed. In case anyone was taken in by this, the truth is that Montreal is too mature to have adopted such tendencies (an occasional blemish here or there is not a tendency.) As for Toronto and Vancouver, it is my personal expectation minorities and put an end to racist violence.

As for Weekend, I expect its editors to adhere to its usual policy in the future and not again violate it with indecent, socially irresponsible, unkind and insulting gutter journalism in the style of Doug Collins. Weekend should print a public apology for its unkindness to non-mottled red Canadians and for its insults to all decent persons.

L. Nowry,
Outremont
Que.

I am an immigrant to this beautiful and hospitable country. I am an East Indian by ancestral origin but I come from Kenya, East Africa. I have an English education acquired in Kenya. I am proud of my heritage and I am proud of my many Canadian friends and associates of varied background; all of whom have apparently a much higher sense of human development, respect and understanding than a Doug Collins whose article on NON-WHITE IMMIGRANTS of Canada was published in your Weekend Magazine which came with my Niagara Falls Review of Sept. 11, 1976.

Canada combined with the U.S.A. represent to me the ultimate in human advancement and technological progress. Recently, we have Viking I and II land on the Mars. It is rather unfortunate that amidst such advanced civilisation we have people like Doug Collins who seem to be living with mental blocks of 1930's and 1940's. Furthermore, the article by Doug Collins is a masterpiece of deliberate twisting of statistics and I suspect out-of-context quote of personalities.

For example,

1) Doug Collins claims that almost 50 per cent of total immigration to Canada in 1975 was from Asia, Africa and Caribbean. He also says that a total of 188,000 immigrants entered in Canada in 1975. I enclose herewith a clipping of Toronto Star of the same date (Sept. 11, 1976) which says that a total of 70,000 immigrants came from Asia, Caribbean and Latin America. Only 55,639 came from Asia and Caribbean; the remainder being from Latin America. This shows only about 29 per cent of the total immigration from Asia and other countries.

2) Doug Collins seemed rightly worried about illegal immigrants but he very wrongly and almost mischievously claimed in his article that illegal immigration is always from Asia and Caribbean. I enclose herewith a clipping of Niagara Falls Review again of the same date (Sept. 11, 1976) which very clearly states that 32 illegal immigrants from Britain, France, Portugal, Greece and Latin America were dealt with by the Woodstock Immigration Office. Not a single illegal immigrant in this lot was from Asia or Caribbean!

3) Doug Collins has quoted Vancouver's Mayor, Art Phillips, saying 'Immigrants bring many things with them, but they don't bring land and they don't bring houses'. Very true. His Worship, I am sure is not implying that immigrants from Europe and even our neighbour U.S.A. bring land and houses. For those who do not know, land is one thing that Canada has got plenty.

4) Toronto Board of Education was quoted by our esteemed writer saying that 'there are some 50,000 children in the school system whose language at home is neither French or English'. So be it and as if any one cares about French language in English Canada! Furthermore, I believe Doug Collins is deliberately devious when he tries to imply that these non-English and even non-French children are Asiatic, African or Caribbean. He must surely be ignorant or naive to assume the Italians, Dutch, Portuguese, Ukranians, Greek, Polish and other Europeans have English or French spoken at home. For your information my two year old baby knows more English words than my own language and so goes for many of my East Indian friends.

The premise on which Doug Collins bases his views against non-white immigration does no do great justice to his cause. The article is in fact revolting in as much as that it presumes gullibility of your general readership. It bothers me to note that the Weekend Magazine lowered its standards and gone against ethics for responsible reporting by publishing this obviously racially biased and somewhat unfactual article.

The movement against non-white immigration, where it exists, has a subjective reasoning behind it. Such subjective abhorrent attitudes could be understood possible in countries like South Africa but in highly civilised countries like Canada this is inadmissible. People with prejudiced eyes cannot see the achievement of other people. There are many non-white people in Canada and the world who have achieved great prominence and excellence in their fields of interest. The Weekend Magazine would do a great service to the Canadian Society if you can write lovingly and respectfully about these people as you do for others.

I only pray that you change your mental attitudes towards those of us who do not origin from Europe and exercise your immense power and influence for understanding our aspirations and thereby allow us to assimilate and become useful part of the great Canadian Society. After all, we work hard, we pay taxes, we participate in community work and we contribute to science and general economy of the country.

J.P.Shah
Niagara Falls,
Ontario.

Canada's open door policy towards coloured immigrants is a myth, Mr. Collins should be sent to one of those coloured countries that he mentions in his mischievous article, and asked to seek immigration under an assumed name (such as Douglas Sinah). He can even get someone to nominate him from Canada. Mr. Collins will find it hard even to get an audience with a Canadian immigration counsellor, let alone get past that "open door" to Canada in his lifetime. In sheer desperation he will turn to the Hindu philosophy of rebirth to retain any lingering hope of landing in this land of opportunity in his next birth.

Indu Tandon,
Ottawa.

I wholeheartedly endorse the views of Bishop John A.T. Robinson of England (Canada Best Hope on Race-Sept. 18) on Fear and Loathing in the Canadian Mosaic (Weekend Magazine-Sept. 11).

That article definitely left an unsavory effect in the mind of the reader regarding the new immigrants with a different cultural background.

In the present racial climate it would be desirable to invite articles on issues which will show the positive aspects of the minority cultures.

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I do not think there is such a thing as a 'will and need for a country to stay white'. A country, on the other hand, needs and demands prosperity and growth, and above all it needs to be a happy place to live. It is toward this goal that the people of a country should strive. Unfortunately, this point has somehow eluded Doug Collins in his article Fear and Loathing in the Canadian Mosaic (Weekend Magazine, Sept. 11).

I concede he has a rather impressive array of statistics and a few quotations here and there from famous people, all manipulated and presented in a manner to cultivate a hostile and antagonistic environment towards non-white immigrants. The race riots he talks of do exist, but these incidents have been exaggerated by the press and people like Doug Collins. There are several other incidents, not related to 'immigrants' in a far greater number that cause grief and millions of dollars' worth of damage. Would he care to voice an opinion on the French Canadians and the constant battle British Canada has to fight against? Does he have any comments on the constant conflict with the non-white, native Indians in whose land he himself is an immigrant?

Canada needs people, and will do so in the future till its resources have been optimally exploited. It is true as many immigrants are not needed now as were in the past, but Canada still lacks manpower. And the kind of people needed are not white or non-white, but those who fulfil the needs of the country. Mr. Trudeau's support of universal immigration can be appreciated in light of this fact.

The important point to note is that through some turn of events, we have ended up in the same country together as neighbors, and we should be willing to shake hands and help each other out.

Amar Sharma
Toronto

I am the granddaughter of an immigrant. My grandfather came to this country from Scotland. His accent was so thick that only other Scots could understand him. He had minimal education, since he started his trade as a stone mason at an early age. He escaped the poverty and over-crowded cities of his homeland to build a better life for his family in a freer, richer land-Canada.

What Canadian, except our reservation-bound native Indians, can deny that he is descended from immigrants? Our forefathers from across the sea built the farms, factories, mines and highways which allow us, their children, to live in the prosperity we take for granted today.

Suddenly, we are talking about curtailing immigration. Why? Immigrants have always helped our economy by providing cheap labor, the courage to take up the jobs that we with our 'higher' education reject and by providing a larger market for our factories' products. I believe that our economic situation is being used as a cover-up for the real reasons behind our desire to cut back on immigration. These reasons are prejudice and greed.

Compared to the average third-world man, even the poorest Canadian lives like a king, with a roof over his head, enough food to grow fat and flabby and he even has little luxuries like a TV, refrigerator and stove. Living in our prosperity, built by our immigrant ancestors, with millions of acres of our northland lying virgin, how can we have the gall to refuse the present-day immigrants the opportunities that our forefathers had? Can't we share a little?

It is time for every Canadian to search his own soul about his attitude toward our immigration policy and his real reasons for wanting to change it. Are we really as open-minded, unprejudiced and peace-loving as we pretend to be?

Janet Millette
Matheson

Sanjay and the youth

By I. P. Vinayak

For the first time in the history of the youth movement after independence, young people have been activised under the dynamic leadership of Sanjay Gandhi. They are playing a great role in the implementation of the prime minister's 20-point program and Sanjay Gandhi's 5-point program. Their campaign against evils like dowry, corruption, untouchability is particularly noteworthy and they are doing commendable work in the fields of literacy and family planning.

The Youth Congress under the leadership of Sanjay Gandhi and its president Mrs. Ambika Soni has mobilised young people exhorting them to do solid work in the villages, towns and backward areas. It goes to the credit of the Youth Congress that youngmen no longer indulge in violence or do they suffer from frustration. The university campuses are quiet, the teachers are at work and there is discipline all around. Indeed, hard work is the only way to remove poverty and frustration which many of our youngmen and intellectuals suffer from.

VOLUNTEERS

The youth is now being involved in various developmental activities both at the central and state levels through formation of youth clubs in the universities and colleges. In several states young volunteers go to nerby villages once a week to educate people, guide farmers, and solve their problems, motivate people for family planning program by removing their fears and wrong notions.

According to a social scientist: "In any community the presence of a large number of adolescents and young adults influences the temper of life and the greater the proportion of young people the greater likelyhood of cultural and political change. They bear responsibility to the significant task of national development and reconstruction because of their physical energy and the freshness of outlook and their desire and capacity to innovate."

NEW IDEAS

Young people cannot only help themselves by helping others but in the process learn new ideas, develop fresh insights and arrive at better understanding of the local problems.

Youth leaders would do well to be guided by the golden rule of Sanjay Gandhi: "Talk less and work more." Every local youth team must make it a point to develop the neighbouring area into a cleaner, and happier place to live in. This would encourage interaction between the urban and rural youth.

About all, extension of education should receive a high priority. Education and experience guide one towards maturity which means the willing acceptance of responsibility. Through various literacy programs the yough cannot only help remove the scourge of ignorance but foster lasting ties with the masses) thereby bridging the "gapacious generation gap.

In hastening the process of transition to a better tomorrow, youth has a great role to play for, youth alone has the vision and vitality. In our efforts to build a "classless, raceless omin- cooperative and omni-world humanity, the younger generation should lead the way. It is the youth leader who should try to create a new consciousness, awareness and motivation amongst the youth to move towards that cherished goal.

LEARNING

The youth in our universities and colleges enjoy the rare privilege of higher learning which gives them an opportunity to get involved in various fields of community development and national life. The economic measures outlined by the prime minister have highlighted the need to develop an integrated approach to socioeconomic problems. At the same time a new orientation should be given to youth programs linking academic pursuits with community concerns. Outdoor field work should become part of the curriculum.

Time has now come when the government may seriously consider making it obligatory for students to render community service at least for a year. The youth can be asked to participae in developmental activities being implemented through various government departments and agencies at the state level. Such participation should be considered part of the academic persuits and students who have served in rural areas must be given preference in jobs.

Other measures to promote national integration may include frequent organization of youth festivals in different parts of the country, exchange of cultural groups to promote better understanding and appreciation of the our rich cultural heritage. Faculty recruitment and student admissin in the universities and colleges should be done on interregional and interstate basis and at the same time creative steps should be taken to encourage intercaste marriages.

NPA Feature Service

Book Review

Business and politics in India

Business and politics in India by Stanley A. Kochanek, University of California Press.

The influence of big business on Indian politics and government decision making has been a fertile topic of common converstation in India. However, there is not too much available by way of a properly documented, analytical examination of India's business organizations and their lobbying efforts. In this book, Stanley A. Kochanek has undertaken a diligent and systematic survy of India's business organizations and their impact on the national political and economic events.

Kochanek examins the detailed histories of the two major business organizations in India, FICCI and ASSOCHAM. In bringing out the historical origins of the FICCI, he underlines the role of the Birlas in conceiving and nursing it through its infancy and their continued dominance in the organization despite the frequent challenges to their leadership. He also analyses FICCI'S cast-ridden structure and laments the lack of professionalism in its ranks. One of the interesting conflicts described in the book is between the approach to problems of the old-guard owners and their more educated and professionally oriented sons. ASSOCHAM, on the other hand, has always been tainted as a mouthpiece of the foreign based multinational corporations and continues to fight that image.

The most controversial parts of the book relate to the influence of business in India. As Kochanek points out, the leftist (and the popular) view of the business is that "(it) maintains it influence by control over the press, by planting men in Parliament, by massive political contribution, by financial backing from foreign collaborators and western aid donors, and by connivance of the members of the ICS-IAS who are looking forward to employment by private business after retirement. What business cannot get through these means it simply buys by drawing upon its vast hoard of 'black money' to subvert public officials. businessmen, then, are a breed of profiteers and exploiters who do not develop a nation but corrupt it."

Kochanek does not agree with the above assessment. He distinguishes between business lobbying for collective business interests and for the interest of individual businesses. Businessmen, especially those who have mastered the new rules of the game, have been eminently successful in the latter but not in the former mission. For this, he blames the politico-economic culture of the country. One wonders, however, if the public opinion in India is as hostile to the concept of private business as suggested by the author. The so-called educated public opinion is biased, after all, the mass circulation media which until recently was, and in non-political matters still is, heavily controlled by some of the most orthodox business houses in India.

Kochanek repeatedly asserts that the effectiveness of the business lobby in India is potentially limited because of the socialist committment of its legislators and bureaucrats. This reviewer is not overly persuaded by this generalization. The Indian bureaucrats have shown themselves to be among the most conservative elements of society and have played a crucial role in maintaining the status quo, including their own traditional role as the 'sorkar mai baap'. Indian legislators, especially those of the ruling variety, have proved to be a largely gutless crowd who are committed to neither capitalism nor socialism (nor, one suspects, to democracy) but to their own selfish ends and, maybe, some narrow affiliations such as caste. Whenever the central leadership has been strong and decisive - as was the case during the 50's and the 70's, the legislators have been content to make approving nods to whatever decisions the central leadership chose to make. But during most of the 60's, when the central leadership was weak and vulnerable to all kinds of 'syndicate' pressures, the business could and, as Kochanek points out, did mount effective lobbies aimed at legislators. The politicians' radical rhetoric did create tough sounding legislation but left significant loopholes which, combined with soft implementation (aided by an outmoded judiciary) afforded established businesses in India the kind of protection (from foreign and local competition) and growth environment that would have sent U.S. trust busting agencies screaming for blood. The established Indian businesses might, indeed say to the Indian bureaucrats and politicians, "With enemies like you, who needs friends?"

N.K. Tandon

Bhave against cow slaughter

Paunar (Wardha), Maharashtra, Sept. 29 (Samachar): Acharya Vinoba Bhave has called off his campaign against cow-slaughter and cancelled an "indefinite" fast on the issue he had announced he would start.

In a statement handed over to reporters at his ashram here the octogenarian Bhoodan leader noted that the problem of banning cow-slaughter had, by and large, been solved and expressed his "thanks" to the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

The Acharya's decision to call off his "agitation," including facts and "padyatras," came in less than a week of a Government statement in Parliament outlining the action taken and proposed to be taken by State Governments on the question of banning cow-slaughter.

Acharya Bhave, who had announced his agitation plans in a statement on May 31 last, told reporters he would resume taking normal food. He had reduced his food intake last April.

A major part of the country has already fulfilled by law, tradition or executive order the Constitutional responsibility cast on the State for the preservation and protection of cattle, according to a recent Samachar survey.

The Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Om Mehta, told the Rajya Sabha that the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra (Vidarbha region), Karnataka and Orissa had completely prohibited cow-slaughter. The Union Territories of Chandigarh, Delhi, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Pondicherry and the Andaman- Nicobar Islands have also banned cow- slaughter.

Bihar tops

New Delhi, Oct. 4 (Samachar): The eastern Indian State of Bihar has the largest number of freedom fighters if the number of beneficiaries of the pension scheme for this category of political suffers is any guide.

The Home Ministry of the Government of India has received 239,965 applications from freedom fighters in 28 States and Union Territories for consideration of pensions. Of these, as many as 42,587 applications were from Bihar. The Government of India had sanctioned pension to 110,658 freedom fighters, 18,444 of them in Bihar and rejected 82,270 applications as on May 31,1976.

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An interview with

Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha

By Manjula Parakat

G. Murahari, Deputy Chairman of the Indian Rajya Sabha, visited Toronto in September, en route to USA from London, where he had attended the Commonwealth Speakers Conference. In San Francisco, he is scheduled to attend the memorial meeting of the Ghadar Party, which incidentally was the first Indian revolutionary party formed to fight the British. During my interview with Mr. Murahari at the Consulate, I found him quite communicative on most topics and I hope his comments and viewpoints give readers a wider perspective of the current situation in India.

Q. In Canada we have wage and price control programs being implemented to strengthen the Canadian economy. What is your opinion of any similar programs in India today?

A. We are way ahead of Canadians in our price control program, and anti-inflationary measures like restricting money supplies. We have also been successful in containing prices at July 1975 levels and curbing inflation to a unique minus percent.

Q. Has the Emergency imposed any major changes in the working of the Parliament?

A. No changes have been instituted. Contrary to public belief, many opposition leaders have been released. Absolute discipline prevails in the industrial sector, university campuses and daily walks of life, production has increased since industry is obliged to work to its full capacity and the artificial shortages that were formerly created have ceased.

Q. What are the various constitutional changes in effect now?

A. Various amendments proposed are still under discussion because although the Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha, it is yet to be discussed and then passed. The main amendments proposed are:

1) Giving precedence to the directive principles of our constitution to the fundamental rights.

2) Enumeration of the duties and responsibilities of Indian citizens, which includes showing respect to the national flag, not indulging in any kind of anti-national activity, upholding principles of equity for all religious and ethnic groups etc. Other constitutional amendments precipitating a social and economic transformation are also to be enacted.

Mr. Murahari hastened to correct the misnomer regarding Indian Courts of Law and curtailing of their powers. The courts have not been precluded from exercising their jurisdiction over any matters except apportioning the responsibility of the jurisdiction over certain federal and state matters to their respective courts. For example, no one could challenge any part of the Indian Constitution in a High Court, but they could do so in the Supreme Court.

Q. What are the Indian Government's views today on the 'BRAIN DRAIN'?

A. The Government is not compelling, but rather inviting back scientists and professionals abroad to serve their Motherland. To achieve this end, a 'pool' has been created where willing and interested individuals may register prior to their return.

Q. How much does Indian television focus on parliamentary debates, governmental sessions etc?

A. Coverage of the above on television is practically nil, for two reasons:

1) We have only one channel for each of the six cities.

2) The government is not sure of the public reaction to parliamentary debates and sessions which without fail turn very boisterous and on many occasions get out-of-hand.

3) The parliamentary forum could be utilized by vested interests to advertise their viewpoints and for propaganda purposes. Hence the television media in India today is mainly centred on entertainment, news and education.

Q. How involved is Sanjay Gandhi with Indian politics?

A. He is very actively participating in social programs along with the Youth Congress. He has started the family planning campaign which is

India's SDR quota to rise

New Delhi, Oct. 4 (Samachar): India's Quota in the International Monetary Fund will to up from 940 million SDR when the comprehensive amendments on monetary reform become effective within a year.

India will hold the eight position in the Fund in point of subscription after the USA, the UK, Germany, France, Japan, Italy and Canada.

Although the sixth general review of quotas was completed early this year, with approval given by the board of governors, the next review is being accelerated to enlarge the Fund's resources for balance of payments assistance. This is to be completed by February 1978.

India is one of the 39 "most seriously affected" countries eligible for the Fund's assistance under the interest subsidy account for the 1976 oil facility. IMF had disbursed 13.8 million SDR (one SDR is currently about $1.15) to 18 countries including India which had availed themselves of the facility. India (which had drawn 201 million SDR) received 7.23 million SDR as the first subsidy payment at a rate of five per cent, per annum on its outstanding purchases under the 1975 oil facility.

India is also eligible among 61 countries for assistance from the special trust fund which the IMF set up in May last to provide balance of payments assistance out of profits accruing to the trust fund from the sale for gold. Three gold auctions, each for a quantity of 780,000 ounces, have been held by the Fund so far out of 16 planned for a two-year period involving the sale of 12.5 million ounces of gold.

The need of a member for assistance would, however, be assessed on the basis of the country's balance of payments position including developments in its reserves. India is currently having a comfortable reserve position. The Fund will review the list of eligible members and the criteria of eligibility for inclusion before January 1, 1978.

It is very reassuring to learn that the Emergency and the current situation in India is not as negative as it has been made out to be by the foreign news media. Here we have a clearer version of the situation 'straight from the horse's mouth' so to speak. Hopefully, given time, healthy changes will be effected which will cater to the interests of the Indian nation as a whole, gaining success and is also currently working on the abolition of the dowry system. Being the Prime Minister's son, politics is part of his everday life.

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Tagore's dance drama staged

By Bharat P. Mather

Ottawa, October 1

A superb performance of Shyama, Poet Rabindranath Tagore's dance-drama, was the highlight of a three-hour 'Dances of India' program put up by a talented group of artistes from the Tagore Institute of Music and Dance, Calcutta, at the auditorium of the Gloucester High School in Ottawa on Wednesday, September 29.

As a complete form of stage-show, dance-drama was developed and perfected by the Indian Nobel Prize-winning poet. It derived its inspiration from Krishnayatra of Bengal, Kathakali of Kerala and Manipuri and Balinese dances. It is, however, unique in character because it has a full dramatic theme, with action expressed in dance and dialogue conducted through songs sung solo or in chorus. Based on an old Nepalese legend, Shyama, written in parable form, was the last dance-drama composed by Tagore in Bengali and was first staged in Calcutta under his personal supervision in 1939.

THEME OF THE STORY

Shyama's story is the tragedy of blind love's passionate egotism which unscrupulously sacrifices every other happiness but its own, only to find that it has thereby lost its own right to happiness. The central figure is Shyama, a beautiful court-dancer, who is charmed by the handsome looks of Vajrasen, a stranger. Though innocent, the latter is taken into custody on suspicion of having committed a theft from the king's treasury and is condemned to death.

Carried away by an earnest desire to possess Vajrasen, Shyama contrives to save his life by making another young admirer of hers, Uttiya, to take the blame for the theft upon himself and sacrifice his life. The grateful stranger then falls for Shyama, but when he learns of the selfishness that motivated her into getting Uttiya executed just to save him, he is filled with remorse and disgust and spurns all her protestations of love for him.

The moral law working through Shyama's lover brings the nemesis, the inevitable retribution to the unfortunate heroine, so devoted to her lover but so guilty to humanity. A farewell song at the end suggests that the sin committed by the woman in a state of impetuous passion is redeemed by the suffering she has had to undergo and endure. Her lover is justified in not requiting her love when he comes to know of her sin. However, in assuming a stern unforgiving attitude, even when she has been cleansed by penance and repentance, the man becomes responsible for a greater sin than the woman.

The cast included Sutapa Dutta-Gupta, Arati Majumdar, Tapati Ghosal, Aditi Bhattacharya, Santa Ghosh, Jharna Dutta and Santi Bose, and where all did their parts so well it is difficult to particularise.

TRIBAL AND FOLK DANCES

The evening's entertainment got off to a good start with a dance and a Tagore song in praise of the Almighty and invoking His blessings. It was followed by a conversational type of folk dance of Bengal, in which a couple ridicules each other just for the sake of fun, with no malice for other whatsoever.

Then there was a hilarious tribal dance portraying men and women folk of the Maria clan of Madhya Pradesh enjoying themselves after a hard day's toil. The folk dances from Assam, Gujarat and Punjab depicted village scenes with the simple folk engaged in their various occupational pursuits. They were all performed with vigour and gusto, with a splash of colour.

It was indeed remarkable for the same group of Bengali male and female artistes to have participated in these dances of the rural people from other provinces and acquitted themselves so creditably with all the grace of their movements and gestures.

There were two musical interludes in which Himangsu Biswas gave delightful recitals on Santur, a 100-string Kashmiri instrument, and flute, with percussion accompaniments by Sankar Mukherjee, both of which drew loud applause. The sweet background music during the dances was provided by Rita Guha, Purabi Sarkar, Papiya Bagchi, Sagar Sen and Santosh Sen-Gupta. The last-named musician (Sen-Gupta), who led the group and directed the program, is an All-India Radio artiste. N.K. Sivasankaran, who played the kotwal in the dance-drama, is teaching dance at the Visvabharati University in Santiniketan. All the artises were introduced to the audience at the end and were given a standing ovation.

Elected fellow

The Council of Institution of Electrical Engineers have elected Satish K. Aggarwal as a "Fellow" in recognization of his professional achievements in India and in the United States.

The sponosrs of his nomination were Mr. Ed Garbarini, President of Bechtel Power Corporation, Dr. J. H. Mulligan, Jr., Secretary of United States National Academy of Engineering, D. G. Fink, General Manager of the IEEE, J. Guarrera, past President of the IEEE and C. D. Statton, Vice President of bechtel Power Corporation.

SATISH K. AGGARWAL

Satish is an engineering supervisor withBechtel power corporation in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Prior to joining Bechtel in 1970, he worked for Con Edison of New York for 3 years as a project engineer. Recently, Satish presented a technical paper at the IEEE Summer Power Meeting, at Portland, Oregon. He has been awarded a large number of prizes and he is author of dozens of technical papers and a book. He is registered professional engineer in the states of New York, Maryland and Georgia.

Rice export in 4 years

Hyderabad, Sept. 29 (Samachar) India will be in a position to export rice in the next three to four years, the Indian Minister of State for Agriculture, A. P. Shinde, said here.

Mr. Shinde told newsmen with States like Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan increasing their contribution to Central rice pool, India would easily have a buffer rice stock five million tonnes, giving scope for rice exports to other countries.

No change in opposition tactics

Trivandrum (Kerala), Oct 1 (Samachar) - The Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi has cautioned the nation against disruptive elements which raised their heads and tried to destroy what had been achieved and to spread rumours and false propaganda as soon as there was a 'little slackening.'

Mrs Gandhi said those who had been released from detention were speaking the same old language 'AS IF NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN India, nothing has changed in the world.' They were quite ignorant - deliberately or otherwise, consciously or unconsciously - of the dangers the country faced and the pressures with which it was threatened.

Addressing a public meeting here she said the all-India agitation, which had been announced to weaken the Central Government and disrupt Parliament, had not been withdrawn yet.

She spoke at length about the proposed constitutional amendments pointing out that nothing was being done in a hurry and that there had been a nation-wide debate on the proposed changes.

She recalled that after the Congress Committee on Constitutional Changes was formed, it had met lawyers, teachers and received thousands of memoranda, letters and telegrams which they had studied in depth.

The demand for constitutional changes and structural changes in the electoral system and the entire system had not come from the Congress but from the Opposition, she said.

Komagata Maru survivor in Canada

The only survivor of the Komagata Maru incident, Giani K. Singh, 97, entered Canada recently for a visit with relatives. In 1914 when the Komagata Maru incident took place, Mr. Singh and 374 other passengers in the Japanese frighter waited outside Vancouver port for 11 months before being turned away.

Mr. Singh recalled the incident without any bitterness and finds that "our people have done well here." The Indian Government honoured him earlier this year in a speical ceremony and offered him a pension which he turned down.

The Komagata Maru incident is remembered so far as the most infamous one involving racial bigotry in Canada. On return riots in the ship killed 20 people, on landing in Calcutta, British police shot 26 of them and other related incidents caused at least 7 deaths.

Another successful Calgary concert

Prabha Atre, a well-known vocalist from Bombay, gave a public concert at the Recital Hall, University of Calgary on September 19. Vishwas Dhekney, a new welcome addition to Raga-Mala

DR. PRABHA ATRE

artists, accompanied her on tabla. Prabha sang ghazals, thumries, and bhajans. The audience was spell bound by her sweet and pliant voice, and fluency and creativity of her style. Besides the public concert, she also gave music lessons to artist members of Raga-Mala, a lecture demonstration to the music students of the University of Calgary, and a classicial music concert which started at 9 o'clock on Saturday evening and went on till early morning hours on Sunday.

Workshop on music appreciation conducted by Dr. Atre was very well received by Raga-Mala members. Discussions were conducted on several innovative ideas on popularizing Indian classical music in the West. Dr. Atre's visit to Canada was sponsored by Raga-Mala Music Society of Calgary. The visit was not only entertaining and educative but it was also an enriching experience to both Dr. Atre and Raga-Mala.

ILO lauds training

New Delhi, Oct. 5 (Samachar) India's drive for economic development and higher living standards is about to enter a new phase with the planned creation of a national network of training centres for master craftsmen, according to an International Labour Organization (ILO) released issued here.

The country already has 355 industrial training institutes giving basic courses in many trades, and seven central instructors training institutes.

This system has now been crowned with the establishment of an advanced vocational training institute in Madras which will, according to the Government plans, be duplicated in five other major industrial rgions - Bombay, Calcutta, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana.

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Researcher's effort to save more elms

By Tom Hill

Ottawa researchers have developed a new treatment technique which may stem the tide of Dutch elm disease and maple wilt, infections which have killed thousands of trees.

The breakthrough - a cheap, simple method of applying an infection-stopping chemical - could slash the annual cost of do-it-yourself treatment to $25 per tree. Conventional treatment can only be performed under licence, and tree firms charge about $300 to treat each tree annually.

The saving is possible because the skilled workmen and complicated gear used in conventional treatment are not needed for the new method, devised by Dr. Raj Prasad of the Chemical Control Research Institute.

The discovery that Lignasan-P, the most potent chemical against Dutch elm disease, could be applied to the trunk of the tree was the key to development of the new system.

Conventional treatment requires pressurized injection of Lignasan-P into tree roots, a process that requires trained labor and special equipment.

But Dr. Prasad's technique requires only rubber tubing and a garden-spray pump to force Lignasan-P into the trunk and branches.

The first two ingredients can be found at any garden supply store, but Lignasan-P can be sold only to people licensed to handle it.

However, Dr. Prasad says the U.S. government has lifted restrictions on sale of the chemical, and he expects Canada to follow suit after the Chemical Control Research Institute files the results of his research with the federal Department of Agriculture.

That should happen this winter, after further research at Experimental Farm greenhouses, and Dr. Prasad says homeowners might be able to treat their trees next summer.

Graham Taylor, information officer for the institute, warns that easy application of Lignasan-P is not by itself the answer to Dutch elm disease and maple wilt.

"We're not saying we have a cure here, just that it's the best thing we've got so far," he says.

Dr. Prasad says the treatment will probably only slow the death of trees if more than 10 per cent of leaves and branches have yellowed and crumpled before Lignasan-P is applied. But annual application to less-infected or healthy trees should give them protection.

In addition to Lignasan-P treatment, Mr. Taylor says diseased parts of elm trees must be destroyed and insecticide used to kill the beetles that spread the fungus infection from tree to tree.

Dr. Prasad and his assistant, research technician Dal Traynick, have toiled in their alta Vista lab for five years in search of an outright cure for Dutch elm disease. Over the years they've become dismayed by the public's pessimism.

"After all, five years isn't that long. And the research results have been impressive," he says.

Onam in Ottawa

By A.V. Thomas

To people from Kerala, the Malayalis, Onam brings in memories of great festivities and celebrations.

The Malayali Association of Ottawa staged a befitting program of dance and music to celebrate the festive occasion followed by an elaborate Kerala style vegetarian dinner. Over 100 people including representatives of other Indian organizations attended the function.

The program started with an invocational dance by Alice Thomas.

[illegible] a group of ladies dressed in traditional costumes and Vallam Kali. Both were continuous applause from the audience.

Those who participated in Thiruvathira Kali are: Mary Chaly, Resi Luiz, Lalitha Nair, Sarla Ramachandran, Aleyamma Samuel, Gigi Thomas, Mariamma Thomas and Theyyamma Andrews.

'Vallam Kali' (Boat race) which marks the end of Onam festivities was presented with remarkable gaiety, rhythm. Music was provided by George Kallumkal, Robert Luiz, Sara Thoppil and Mr. Ramachandran. Those who rowed the boat are: Dr. John Samuel, Raju Chaly, P.J. Andrews and A.V. Thomas.

Four year old Raju Kallumkal won a lot of applause for rendering a love song in Malayalam.

Multiculturalism in Toronto schools

Canadian Scene -- The Toronto Board of Education has taken steps to deal with the culture shock that New Canadian children encounter when they first attend Canadian schools. Two years ago, when it had become obvious that the cultural make-up of Toronto had changed drastically, the School Board set up a Work Group on Multicultural Programs. This group has made a series of recommendations to help the schools respond to the multicultural challenge, and many of them are being implemented.

Among the recommendations is one that the Education Act of Ontario be amended to permit teachers to use languages other than English and French in their classes. Others call for the training of teachers to work in a multicultural society, steps to involve parents in the school life of the child, and much greater efforts to help new Canadian parents understand and appreciate the Canadian educational system. The main thrust of the recommendations is that while all children should learn one of Canada's two official languages as quickly as possible, they should not run the risk of losing their cultural identities.

Several of the recommendations of the Work Group had already been implemented by the Toronto Board before the report was completed. Among these was the establishment of a School-Community Relations Department, and the introduction of a program, 'English as a Second Language.'

Eventually it is hoped to eliminate the situation described by one little girl who wrote in a school essay: 'Unhappiness is when the teacher talks and you don't understand her. More unhappiness is when you talk to the teacher and she doesn't understand you.'

For a detailed account of the Final Report of the Work Group on Multicultural Programs, please write to the Board of Education of the City of Toronto, 155 College Street, Toronto.

Seminar on race relations

Race relations and law enforcement will be the topic of daylong discussions at a seminar held on October 20th at the park Plaza hotel in Toronto. Attorney General Roy McMurtry will be giving the keynote address.

How the attitudes of the law enforcers are perceived by visible minority people will be the subject of a presentation by Wilson Head, Co-chairman of the Urban Alliance, Thomas Cooke from the Metro police, Peter Worthington from the Toronto Sun and Mark Ricketts of the Financial Post will also participate. Other participants include Dan Hill, C.O. Bick, Alan Borovoy and A Dharmalingam.

Registration forms are available from the Social Planning Council, 88 Bloor St.E. or by calling 961-9831.

The fee is $30.00, with reduced rates available for community groups.

All participants must be pre-registered and pre-paid. There will be no registration at the door.

The poetry recital from the works of several Malayalam poets by A.V.Thomas and Dr.John Samuel, took the audience on a nostalgic ride back to the childhood days. The "Athappoov' (the traditional floral decoration) arranged by Mrs. Lalitha Nair was a pleasing decoration on the stage.

Part of this program was later broadcasted on cable T.V.

Scientists to get latest information

New Delhi, Oct. 4 (Samachar): A scientist or a technologists in the country will soon be able to receive a constant stream of up to date information at his desk to suit his specific research needs.

The latest scientific and technological information would be gathered from all over the world and processed with the help of an ultra- modern computer by the Indian National Scientific Documentation Centre (INSDOC) here.

This has been made possible by the successful operation of an experimentatl project, lately undertaken by INSDOC for developing computer based "selective dissemination of infomation" (SDI) services for the benefit of Indian scientists and technologists.

The SDI system involves scanning of documents for selecting and supplying information to a researcher exactly matching his needs so as to keep him abreast of the latest developments in his particular areas of specialisation.

The project is being sponsored by UNESCO's division of scientific and technological information and documentation.

Science Council on Population

By David Lasrus

The late Mackenzie King, noted for his psychic bent, could have glimpsed the Science Council of Canada's report before he said that Canada must remain a white man's country because it was "not only desirable for economic and social grounds but highly necessary on political and national grounds."

In spite of his magical mystery hours, King was a realist. The Council's report urging the reduction of immigrants is a move calculated by the political yardstick. And reading tea leaves.

The author of the dissenting minority report, Fernand Seguin, must have been thinking of the mystical when he said: 'They (the Science Council) decided we need less immigrants and then picked a MAGIC number - saying we can only support 29 million people in this country by the year 2000 knowing full well they can't justify scientifically that number.'

Giant hamburger

There is an obsession, bordering on Idi Amin-like mania, on the part of right-wingers to look on Third World migration as an invasion of North America - a land which John Updike once described as 'one hamburger indivisible, with onions and chips for all.'

The Science Council must have used Frenchman Jean Raspail's 1972 book The Camp of The Saints - touted by arch right-winger William Buckley as one of the two books worth reading this century - as a primer. Raspail describes how a million starving Hindus get on dilapidated boats and head for the West in an attempt to get a bite of the hamburger.

Raspail almost echoes the Council's Population, Technology and Resources Report when he said in a preface to his book: 'We need only glance at the population figures predicted for the year 2000: seven billion people, only 900 million of whom will be white.'

For thousands of years the Third World residents never budged from their lands until the West ended that isolation with colonialism.

The comparison of slavery and Canada's immigration problems is not too far fetched. Immigrants, like the Negro slaves, do work that wealthy Canadians refuse to do. And at menial wages.

Comic-opera

Canada had her own version of the invasion predicted by Raspail. The Komagata Maru anchored in Burrard Inlet, Vancouver, 1914, with 376 East Indians aboard seeking refuge. They were turned back after a few weeks and after several attempts to hose them down with water.

An editorialist at The Citizen, Ottawa, then described the whole incident well when he said: 'To use the little British-Canadian cruiser against British Indian subjects would seem the height of inconsistent Imperialism.' He called the efforts 'the limit of comic-opera government.'

Gilbert and Sullivan's soul is alive and well in the Science Council of Canada. (Montreal Gazette)

Ethnic project receives large grant

(Canadian Scene) -- A $3 million Wintario project -- the largest funded to date -- will enable the newly formed Multi-Cultural History Society of Ontario to collect and preserve the heritage of all ethno-cultural communities in the province. The repository of the collection will be the Archives of Ontario.

The Society will invite communities to participate through the co-operation of existing organizations, and it will also involve, as researchers, academics who speak the language and have roots in their community.

Nicholas Lchik, parliamentary assistant to Culture and Recreation Minister Robert Welch, announced the grant at the September meeting of the Ontario Advisory Council on Multi-culturalism. Council members, representing many areas in Ontario, have established strong links with local organizations, and chairman Dr. George Korey expressed the Council's pleasure with the government's decision to act on a Council recommendation to assist Ontario's citizens in collecting valuable archival documents.

The chairman of the new society's board of directors is the noted historian Prof. J.M.S. Careless of the University of Toronto. Prof. Frank Iacobucci of the U of T's internal affairs department is treasurer. Prof. Robert Harney of the U of T's history department is president and Thad Rachwal project co-ordinator for the Ministry of Culture and Recreation is secretary. Other board members are Ezio Tappadocia of McMaster University's history department; Edith Firth, head of the Canadiana and manuscripts section of the Metropolitan Toronto Central Library; Prof. M. Israel, vice-provost, University of Toronto; Prof. P. Savard, Directeur, Centre de Recherche en Civilisation Canadienne-Francaise, Universite d'Ottawa.

Harappans evolved first alphabet

Baroda, Oct. 4 (Samachar): The Harappans had evolved the first alphabetic writing of the world, according to research conducted by an eminent Indian archaeologist, S. R. Rao.

Mr. Rao who is at present Superintending Archaeologist of mid-southern circle (Karnataka) is of the view that the Phoenicians had borrowed the script from this system. Brahmi is evolved from Indus writing. Secondly the Indus people spoke Indo-European language similar to that to Rigveda.

Mr. Rao clarified that it was not necessary that all those who spoke the Indo-European language or dialects belonged to one single race. He said the trouble arose when we confused race with language.

He pointed out that in fact the Harappan population in Punjab, Sind and Gujarat was cosmopolitan in character. It may be that there were two or more waves of Indo-European speaking people, the earliest being the Harappan themselves who mixed with the local population the European and later the Australoid strains, he said.

Performances by Vasanthakumari and Akbar Khan

By Prof. V. Subramaniam

By any standard, M. L. Vasanthakumari's music on the evening of 15 September at Carleton University's Alumni Theatre was superb in technical as well as artistic terms. Technically, her voice ranged fully over two octaves, without losing richness either in Bhrugas or Gamakas and artistically, it was an extremely balanced performance with items of varying tempo, intensity and structure. She got off to a flying start with the Todi Varnam, and Jagadananda Karaka in Natai.

The intervening Kriti of Papanasam.

The Alapana in Madhyamavati outshone that of Kalyani by its originality. The Kriti chosen gave the illusion of a Pallavi without its length. The Kalpana Swaras and the individual exposition of the Mridangam supported this pleasant illusion. The concluding Tillana of Swati Tirunal gave a fitting finale to a superb though short performance.

Magnificent vocal manipulation and technical virtuosity are normally expected of MLV but what was new and refreshing was her consummate artistry in choosing a balanced repertoire giving the impression of a satisfying full performance within an hour and a half. She has taken over the mantle of Ariyakkudi and GNB. Nothing too much.

She continued to sing in the second part of the performance when her daughter, Sri Vidya danced and the rythmic direction of Nattuvangam was provided by Mrs. Vanaja Narayanan who also sang the songs for interpretation. Sri Vidya is as conscientious an artist as her mother and brilliant in her own way. Her strong point is facial expression and this came out at its best in the Purandaradas padam on how Lord Krishna saved Draupadi from being disrobed as she unfolded the story of Dharmaputra losing at the game of dice and the five brothers sat helpless. The story of Bharata's loyalty to Rama was also vividly portrayed in the Bhajan of Tulsidas. The star-piece of the evening was of course the Varnam in Natakuranji by her own teacher and Srividya was at her best in interpreting every shade of refined romantic love from lovelornness to the joy of anticipating reunion. I have seen her do this major Varnam earlier and I seem to see new meaning every time and speaking for myself I would like to see her it again. But from the viewpoint of an urban North American audience, I wonder whether a Varnam is not too long and too recondite an item and whether abridged versions should not be tried.

ALI AKBAR KHAN

Two days later, Ottawa music lovers had the opportunity to listen to the Sarod Maestro Ali Akbar Khan, brother-in-law of Ravi Shankar. Technical mastery and recordite artistry is expected of the Khan Sahib and he provided this in rich measure. He chose a variation of Jinjoti Ispahani Jinjoti for the first half and gave of his best in the Alap and the Ghat in Vilambit and Drut. The Tabla accompaniment by his son Pranesh Khan supported him beautifully but the mike arrangements did not. The Drut Kal or fast tempo is best enjoyed in a mikeless hall with perfect acoustics or the mike needs to be tuned down and carefully adjusted to bring out the best to the audience. Worldly wise instrumentalists such as Ravi Shankar of the North and Balachander of the South, therefore spend a lot of time checking the mike arrangements with the organizers. Ali Akbar Khan did his best but someone somewhere did not worry enough about mike arrangeents and acoustics.

Fortunately the message seems to have got across during the interval and the acoustics improved beyond recognition in the second part. Starting with Sindhu Bhaviavi, he wove a Ragamala with grace and Smoothness. Much of the disappointment in the first part (which the Ustad was probably not aware of) was made up in the second half. To the credit of the audience, no one made a fuss about the over- amplification during the first half.

Demonstration of data

Bombay, Oct. 4 (Samachar): A weeklong demonstration of the feasibility of instant access to a vast treasure of computerized scientific information via satellite from a data bank near Rome commenced here.

The "recon on-line demonstration project" at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) was formally inaugurated by the Indian Minister for Information and Broadcasting V.C. Shukla.

The demonstration, opening the gates to the flood of information for Indian scientists and technologists, is being held in cooperation with the European Space Agency (ESA) under the sponsorship of the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) which has granted 25,000 dollars.

Prairie meeting of Gujaratis

Gujarati Mandal of Calgary was proud to act as hosts to members from Gujarati Samaj of Saskatchewan at a PICNIC during the long weekend in August 1976.

98 members, included adults, youths and children, arrived at Cypress Hills Provincial Parks in Alberta on Saturday, July 31st, pitched their tents, and enjoyed themselves for three days and two nights.

During this period, various activities were programmed, like sports, dances, ras, songs, discussions, etc. Meals were prepared at site, and the members enjoyed the entire stay.

Amoog various matters discussed, it was proposed that in view of the great success of this gathering, such or similar outings should be organized every year and people from all over Canada be invited to participate. This would be a great opportunity for everyone to get together and make new friends and acquaintences.

Gujarati Samaj of Saskatchewan has very kindly offered to host a Picnic Outing for 1977, details of which shall be announced in due course. Interested people are requested to contact Mahesh Kapadia, Secretary of Gujarati Samaj of Saskatchewan at 2533 Wallace Street, Regina, for further information.

We would gladly provide any assistance we can to anyone planning to come to either Alberta or Saskatchewan, either just for a visit or with intention to reside permanently. You are welcome to contact any of the following:

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We would be glad to receive new items and activities of other similar organizations in Canada. Both Saskatchewan and Alberta Mandals have directories of their members and newsletters are published periodically. Anyone wishing to obtain these should contact the Secretary of the respective Mandal.

Shipyard makes record profit

New Delhi, (Samachar): The Government of India-owned Hindustan Shipyard has made a record gross profit of Rs. 46.9 million during 1975-76 and is poised to make larger profits in future.

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Kitchen Korner

By Pramati Sengupta

The beautiful autumn season is back to our door again. The cool and crisp air sets the cheery mood. Canada is always magnificant in October but extraordinary thing happened last year after the summer's heat and dryness. Many leaves of maple turned unbelievably intense red, orange and yellow while others close by remained as green as in mid-summer. You cannot help but admire this beauty of nature. It is also the time when huge crowds stream out to the fall fairs, rich crops come to their peak and Canadians celebrate the 'Thanks-giving day' with special thanks to the mother Nature. Women get busy baking pumpkin or apple pie and roasting the big traditional bird.

The autumn is also a season of festivals in India. Durgapuja, Navarathri and Diwali. Special sweet-meats and different kinds of savories are made. Women take pride in preparing these delicacies and serving them to their families and friends. This time of the year is very special to me. My reminiscences take me to festivals and feasts — food prepared by mother. Over the years I have prepared some of the sweets associated with these festivals and would like to give you one of my favourite recipe.

Indian sweets are made mainly from fresh home-made cheese. Cheese blends flavour, texture and good nutrition and has a universal appeal. I have recently begun to enjoy ricotta cheese, which is often referred to as Italian cottage cheese, originated in Italy, it is made from whey, or from whey containing five to ten percent whole or skim milk. It tastes creamier than our freshly made cottage cheese, so needs no kneading or blending. Thanks to ricotta cheese, Indian sweet is not as difficult to make as you might think, you enrich ricotta cheese with additional home-made cheese, and a dab of unsalted butter or ghee.

RASAMALAI

½ qt. homogenized milk
About 1 oz. white vinegar mixed with little cold water
½ pkg. (about 1 lb. ricotta cheese)
1½ tbsp. flour and 1½ tsp. butter or ghee.
Syrup: 1½ cups sugar and 5 cups water (thin syrup)
5 cups sugar and 4 cups water (heavy syrup)
Malai: 1 qt. half-and-half (10 percent cream)
½ cup sugar, or to taste
8 cardamoms, ground
2 oz. chopped pistachio
Rose water, optional

Prepare Channa (Indian cheese) with homo milk and white vinegar. Drain, and squeeze out all the liquid. Place warm channa in a bowl and break it into small pieces with a rubber spatula. Mix in flour and ghee. Knead until smooth and creamy.

Drain ricotta cheese and dry the moisture with paper towel as much as possible. Mix both cheese together in a bowl and knead until creamy. Divide the mixture into 30 balls.

Combine 5 cups water and 1½ cups sugar in a pressure cooker. Bring to a boil and add cheese balls 10 to 12 at a time. Do not overcrowd rasgullas, during cooking the rasgullas will puff. Close cover securely, place pressure regulator on vent pipe, and cook over high heat until regulator begins to vibrate. Continue cooking another 3 minutes. Turn off the heat and keep another 2 minutes before opening the lid. Cool the cover under cold running water until pressure drops. Open and transfer balls with a slotted spoon to warm heavy sugar syrup. Soak rasgullas overnight, or at least 6 hours. Prepare Malai. Bring half and half cream to a boil in a saucepan. Stirring continuously with wooden spoon to prevent sticking, boil rapidly for 20 minutes. Reduce heat to medium- low and cook until it is reduced to two to 2½ cups, about 25 minutes. Add sugar and mix well. Stir in cardamom and rose water.

Drain rasgullas from syrup and arrange in a deep serving bowl. Pour the malai over the rasgullas. Sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts and garnish with silver leaf. Chill before serving.

No foreigners needed!

By Malcolm Johnson

The chairman of the Toronto Board of Trade Club said yesterday he questioned the wisdom of 'tens of thousands of Pakistanis and other foreigners coming into this country.'

David Martin told the first public meeting of the newly formed Canadian Political Action Group that to members of the 15,000-strong Toronto Board of Trade. The club holds meetings and dinners several times a year.

The new Canadian Political Action Group grew out of the Central Ontario regional branch of the Committee for an Independent Canada, formed last month from five committee chapters in Etobicoke and Peel Halton.

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COMING EVENTS

OTTAWA

A wine and cheese party is being organised by the Canadian Multicultural Council, Ottawa on Saturday, October 23rd at 8 p.m. at the Holy Cross Church on Walkley Road near Riverside Dr. All are welcome.

PUBLIC LECTURE

Public lecture by Nirad C. Chaudhari sponsored by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and the committee on Asian Studies, Carleton University.

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